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SUBJECT:US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT (02.0611):
PREVENTION AND CLEANUP OF POLLUTION OF THE MARINE
ENVIRONMENT FROM SHIPPING

1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
MR. V. K. DUBCHAK, CHIEF, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT MARINE, 1/4
ZHDANOV STREET, MOSCOW, USSR, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV
OF HYDROMET.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. DUBCHAK: THE MEMBERS OF THE US SIDE
OF THE TASK GROUP ON THE PREVENTION AND CLEANUP OF POLLUTION
OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM SHIPPING ARE VERY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE GREAT INCONVENIENCE TO OUR SOVIET COLLEAGUES IN
THE TASK GROUP CAUSED BY THE US SIDE NOT RECEIVING THEIR
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VISAS TO VISIT THE USSR. TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE BY THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE US-USSR
JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE ON
19 MAY AND 22 MAY, AND AN EMBASSY OFFICER WAS FINALLY ABLE
TO CONTACT HYDROMET ON MONDAY MORNING. ON TUESDAY EVENING,
23 MAY WE RECEIVED A MESSAGE ADVISING THAT AUTHORIZATION

FOR OUR VISIT HAD BEEN SENT TO THE MORFLOT REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY, 19 MAY. ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, 24 MAY, WE LEARNED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CONSULAR DIVISION, SOVIET EMBASSY DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 23 MAY.

3. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT NO VISA WOULD BE ISSUED FOR OUR INTERPRETER, DR. A. BELIAJEFF, AND WE ARE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THIS INFORMATION. IT IS HOPED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WILL RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION IN THIS MATTER SINCE DR. BELIAJEFF IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH OUR WORK AND WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING.

4. THE CONSULAR DIVISION AT THE USSR EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT IT WILL HOLD OUR VISAS NOW UNTIL WE DETERMINE WHEN WE MAY MAKE OUR RESCHEDULED VISIT TO THE USSR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM OUR SOVIET COLLEAGUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE DISSAPPOINTED AND CONCERNED THAT THIS CHAIN OF EVENTS HAS BEEN DISRUPTIVE TO OUR EXCHANGE AND OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING METHODS TO AVOID RE-OCCURANCE.

SINCERELY, J. R. KIRKLAND, CAPTAIN, US COAST GUARD. UNQUOTE.
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